

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/582,290

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AUGUSTO**Examiner**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/19/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7, 8 (Renumb 1-2).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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3.1. The drawings filed on 06/12/2006 are accepted by the Examiner.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>2/18/10</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

/Lorna M Douyon/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796	
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Hilton on 2/18/2010.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

2.1. In claim 7, line 3, replace "comprising" with -- consisting of --;

2.2. In Claim 7, line 15, delete "and";

2.3. In Claim 7, line 18, replace "step." with -- step; and

optionally further steps of providing a second paper web with digital images and identification markers, and providing the second web on an opposite surface of the strap, followed by providing said second paper web between said calendering rolls along with said first web to transfer images from the paper webs onto both surfaces of said strap. --;

2.4. Replace claim 8 with:

-- 8. The process according to claim 7 wherein the steps of providing a second paper web with digital images and identification markers, and providing the second web on an opposite surface of the strap, followed by providing said second paper web between said calendering rolls along with said first web to transfer images from the paper webs onto both surfaces of said strap are performed. --

2.5. Claims 1-5, 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

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2.6. In the abstract, line 5, delete “(1)” and “(2)”.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The most pertinent prior art known to the Examiner is listed on the attached forms PTO-892 and 1449. As shown by Mehl et al., Pace et al. Bouhaniche, Sonobe et al. and Peart eta al. the close prior arts of record, a process of transfer printing onto polymeric materials are well-known. However, none of the prior art of record including Mehl et al., Pace et al. Bouhaniche, Sonobe et al. and Peart eta al. provides sufficient suggestion or motivation to arrive at a process **“consisting of”** the specific bleaching, transfer printing, calendaring and slitting steps as required in the present claims. Accordingly, the claimed invention, as a whole, would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the fiber printing and treatment art. None of the prior art of record teaches, discloses or suggests a process that **consists of** only the recited steps in the manner as those recited the present claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRI V. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-6965. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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